



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



MAY 31, 2026

Dive In (10 Minutes)

Go around and let everyone share...

What is the strangest or most uncomfortable place you have ever had to sleep, and what made it so memorable?

Dig Deep (40 Minutes)

Read Genesis 28:10-22 aloud.

- Look closely at the text. What are the stark differences between Jacob's physical and emotional reality (verses 10-11) and the spiritual reality revealed in his dream (verses 12-15)?
- In ancient times, people often believed that gods were tied to specific geographic locations or family altars. How does Jacob's exclamation in verse 16 ("*Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it*") show a massive shift in his understanding of God?
- Notice God's promises to Jacob in verses 13-15. Considering Jacob was currently a fugitive-deceiver who had just torn his family apart, what is surprising about what God does—and doesn't—say to him?
- Jacob went from a place of isolation and fear to naming the site Bethel ("House of God") because he realized God was present in his mess. Tell about a time when you have had a "Bethel moment"—a time when you suddenly realized God was right beside you in a dark or unexpected place, even though you hadn't realized it?
- How does it comfort or challenge you to see that God pursues, protects, and commits Himself to people based on His own grace and promises, rather than our perfect behavior or circumstances?

Do Big (10 Minutes)

- Pray for those in the group currently walking through "wilderness" seasons of isolation, transition, or anxiety, asking God to make His reassuring presence known to them.
- Ask God for the eyes to recognize His presence in our ordinary, messy, daily lives, and for the faith to worship Him unconditionally without trying to barter for His blessings.